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SUBJECT: BELGRADE NAM MINISTERIAL: KUWAITI VIEWS

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH DEMARCHE RE KUWAITI FAILURE TO
RESERVE POSITION ON PUERTO RICO LANGUAGE (SEPTTEL, NOTAL),
DCM AUG. 17 DISCUSSED CONFERENCE GENERALLY WITH MFA "DESK
OFFICER" FOR NAM AFFAIRS, AND MEMBER OF GOK BELGRADE
DELEGATION, MOOSA AL-MOOSA.

2. AL-MOOSA CONSIDERED BELGRADE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. NOT
ONLY WAS CONFERENCE ORGANIZED FOR IHU WORK FAR MORE
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EFFICIENTLY THAN EARLIER NAM CONFERENCE, BUT THE OPENNESS
OF DISCUSSION WAS UNPRECEDENTED. AL-MOOSA SAID THAT
BELGRADE ESTABLISHED THAT NAM MEMBERS COULD SPEAK OUT AS
NEVER BEFORE AGAINST "PROGRESSIVES" (READ: SOVIET CLIENTS),
A DEVELOPMENT WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CURRENT "MODERATE"
STATUS OF FORMER "RADICALS" SUCH AS EGYPT AND SUDAN.
AL-MOOSA SAID THAT KUWAIT CONSIDERS THERE ARE IN FACT

VERY FEW TRULY NON-ALIGNED STATES, AND THAT THE FUTURE OF THE MOVEMENT WITH RESPECT TO POLITICAL ISSUE IS CLOUDY. AL-MOOSA THOUGHT, AS FON MIN SHAIKH SABWT'S FORMAL ADDRESS HAD EMPHASIZED, THAT NAM COULD WELL CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

3. ARAB CAUCUS: ASKED IF IT HAD NOT BEEN SURPRISING THAT ALL THE ARABS HAD BEEN ABLE TO SIT TOGETHER, GIVEN CURRENT DEEP FEELINGS OVER SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE, AL-MOOSA SAID THE TIMING HAD BEEN JUST RIGHT. EVERYONE HAD NOTED "INDICATIONS" THAT SADAT HAD COME TO FEEL SORRY FOR THE STEPS HE HAD TAKEN, AND WAS ANXIOUS TO "GET BACK TOGETHER WITH THE ARABS." GOK FON MIN SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD HAD PLAYED A KEY ROLE, SAID AL-MOOSA, IN PUTTING LANGUAGE TOGETHER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST SECTIONS OF THE POLITICAL REPORT. DCM REMARKED THAT THIS LANGUAGE WAS SOME OF THE TOUGHEST, AND HARDEST ON USG, WHICH WE HAD SEEN. AL-MOOSA LAUGHED, AND SAID THAT LANGUAGE ADOPTED GENERALLY AT BELGRADE WAS NOT SO BAD: "YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN WHAT CAME OUT OF HAVANA. THOSE GUYS WANT TO LIBERATE EVERYBODY."

4. DCM MENTIONED REPORTS THAT KUWAIT HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN MODERATING SOME VERY STRONG LANGUAGE IN FAVOR OF NORTH KOREA. AL-MOOSA WAS UNAWARE OF THIS. HE THOUGHT EMB. BISHARA (GOK PERM REP AT UN) MIGHT HAVE HANDLED THIS
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WHILE AL-MOOSA WAS TIED UP IN THE DRAFTING SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

5. AL-MOOSA HAD FOUND THE CUBAN PERFORMANCE IMPRESSIVE-- "THEY ARE STRONG IN THE MOVEMENT"--HAVING, IN HIS OPINION, QUASHED MUCH POTENTIAL CRITICISM OF THE CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA JUST BY BEING SUPERBLY PREPARED AND ENERGETIC. BUT THE KUWAITIS HAD RELISHED EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE BOUTROS GHALI'S REPLY TO THE CUBAN FON MIN'S COMMENT THAT EGYPT SHOULD BE ASHAMED NOT TO GO TO HAVANA WHEN IT WAS FULLY PREPARED TO GO TO JERUSALEM. AL-MOOSA SAID GHALI SIMPLY TOLD THE CUBAN HE HAD NO BUSINESS LECTURING ONE OF THE THREE FATHERS OF NAM ON HOW TO BE NON-ALIGNED.
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